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1. WHILE WE ARE PLEASED TO LEARN THAT SALVADORAN DELEGATION TO THE WHA WILL VOTE AS WE HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY TOLD BY THE FOREIGN OFFICE (REFTEL), THIS CASE UNDERSCORES A TACTICAL PROBLEM THAT MIGHT BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ROK. ASSUMING THAT SOUTH KOREA RATHER THAN THE U. S. HAS THE OVER-RIDING INTEREST IN A FAVORABLE VOTE ON THIS AND SIMILAR ISSUES, WE FIND IT HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHY THE ROK DID NOT MAKE A MORE INTENSIVE EFFORT TO ASSURE ITSELF OF SALVADORAN SUPPORT. DESPITE DEPT PRODDING, (STATE 72050) THE ROK AMBASSADOR ACCREDITED TO EL SALVADOR BUT RESIDENT IN MEXICO APPARENTLY DID NOTHING MORE THAN FORWARD A NOTE ON THE QUESTION TO HIS SALVADORAN COLLEAGUE THERE. WE WOULD THINK THAT IF THIS SORT OF ISSUE IS OF REAL IMPORTANCE TO SOUTH KOREA, ITS AMBASSADORNMIGHT HAVE MADE A BRIEF VISIT TO EL SALVADO OR AT LEAST HAVE TELEPHONED THE
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SALVADORAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO UNDERSCORE HIS INTEREST.
AS IT WAS, THE U. S. TOOK THE LEAD ON THE ISSUE, FIRST
INFORMING WORKING LEVEL OFFICERS OF THE SALVADORAN
FOREIGN OFFICE ABOUTNGHE QUEKTION, THEN AFTER FINDING
THAT THE GOESNLEANED TOWARD ABSTENTION, TAKING THE
MATTER UP AT A HQGN R LEVEL UNTIL ITS POSITION CHANGED
IN FAVOR OF POSTPONEMENT. ESSENTIALLY, WE WERE USING
OUR DIPLOMATIC CREDIT FOR ANOTHER PARTY WHICH, AS FAR AS
WE ARE AWARE, DID LITTLE TO PRESS ITS OWN INTERESTS. IN
THE FUTURE, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE U. S. MAKE NO APPROACHES
UNTIL WE ARE ASSURED THAT THE PARTY WITH GREATEST
INTEREST HAS MADE A SERIOUS EFFORT ITSELF WITH THE HOST
GOVERNMENT AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL.
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